

## Candy Drive Earns Laboratory Staff NATO Thanks

The Division of Health and Environmental Laboratories (DHEL) recently received a certificate of appreciation from the 635<sup>th</sup> Armor Regiment, Kosovo Force (KFOR), NATO Task Force for candy collected by DHEL staff and sent to children in Kosovo.

In April, the staff at the Laboratory collected several pounds of candy and sent it to Kosovo for the soldiers stationed there to hand out to the kids during medical health checks conducted by KFOR in area villages. DHEL's Debra Seastrom coordinated the effort to collect the candy. Capt. Gregory Leeds of the 635<sup>th</sup> told DHEL staff the army appreciated the extension of good will from our country to the people of Kosovo.

First Sergeant Patrick Cullen deployed with the unit last October. He is the husband of Belinda Cullen who works for the Laboratory. The 635<sup>th</sup> is a Kansas National Guard Unit headquartered in Manhattan, Kan.

The NATO Task Force mission is to rebuild the country. As part of this mission, donations are accepted for everything from money to buy heaters for unheated schools, school supplies, and basic food supplies needed by the people.



**KDHEL's candy collectors are (Left to right) - Belinda Cullen, Debbie Seastrom, Carol Welch, Kay Herman, Dana Hummel, Willie Craft.**

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